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FOR HIS SELF-
LESS SERVICE TO
MANKIND! MAY
HIS DAYS OF
FIGHTING FINALLY
BE OVER!

TO
MEGA
MAN!

TO
MEGA
MAN!

TO
MEGA
MAN!

THANKS,
EVERY-
ONE!

THE RETURN OF DOCTOR WILY

PART ONE: THE NEXT GENERATION

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ARE YOU SURE
ABOUT THIS,
ROCK? I MEAN
...YOU BEING
"MEGA MAN
WAS SO
COOL!"

THANKS,
AUTO, BUT I'M
SURE. I WAS
BUILT TO HELP
DOCTOR LIGHT
BUILD ROBOTS,
NOT TO BLAST
THEM.

BUT YOU LOOKED
SO AWESOME DOING
IT! WITH A "PYEW-
PYEW" HERE AND A
"BLAMO" THERE....!

NUH-UH, HE WAS
BRAVE AND STRONG,
BUT NOW HE GETS
TO STAY AT HOME,
WHERE IT'S SAFE.

IT'LL BE NICE
TO HAVE THINGS
QUIET AROUND
HERE AGAIN.

PROGRAM SOME SENSE
INTO THE KID, DOC! HE'S
GIVING UP A GLORIOUS
FUTURE AS A SUPER HERO!

I'M SORRY, AUTO, BUT I'M
IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT
WITH ROCK. I'M PROUD OF
ALL ROCK'S HEROISM, BUT
I'M QUITE READY TO HAVE
MY BOY SAFE AT HOME.

FINE, WHEN WILY SHOWS UP,
IN HIS SKULL-PLANE,
SHOOTING SKULL-
MISSILES AND TAKES
OVER THE WORLD FROM
HIS SKULL CASTLE, I CAN
SAY, "I TOLD YOU SO."

ACTUALLY,
DR. LIGHT
DOESN'T THINK
DR. WILY IS A
THREAT ANY-
MORE!



TO NO ONE BUT HIMSELF, AT LEAST. ALL OF HIS VILLAINY CAME FROM THE ROBOT MASTERS HE HAD BUILT WITH MY HELP AND RESOURCES. WITHOUT THE BACKING OF LIGHT LABS, ALBERT WON'T HAVE ANY WAY OF THREATENING ANYONE!



AND IF HE DID COME OUT OF HIDING AND TRY SOMETHING, THE POLICE WOULD GET HIM!

EXACTLY. I'M SURE WE'VE SEEN THE LAST OF MY OLD... FRIEND.

WELL... THEN WHAT ABOUT ME?! I JUST CAME BACK TO THE LAB! IF YOU'RE THE DOC'S ASSISTANT, WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?

YOU ALWAYS HAVE YOUR SHOP, RIGHT? BESIDES, EVEN WHEN I'M BACK FULL TIME, YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME HERE!

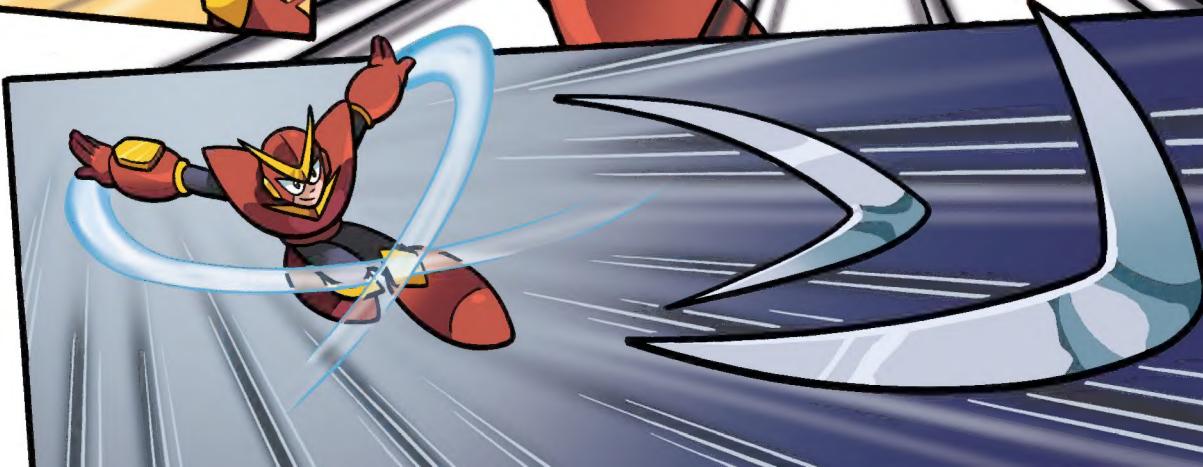
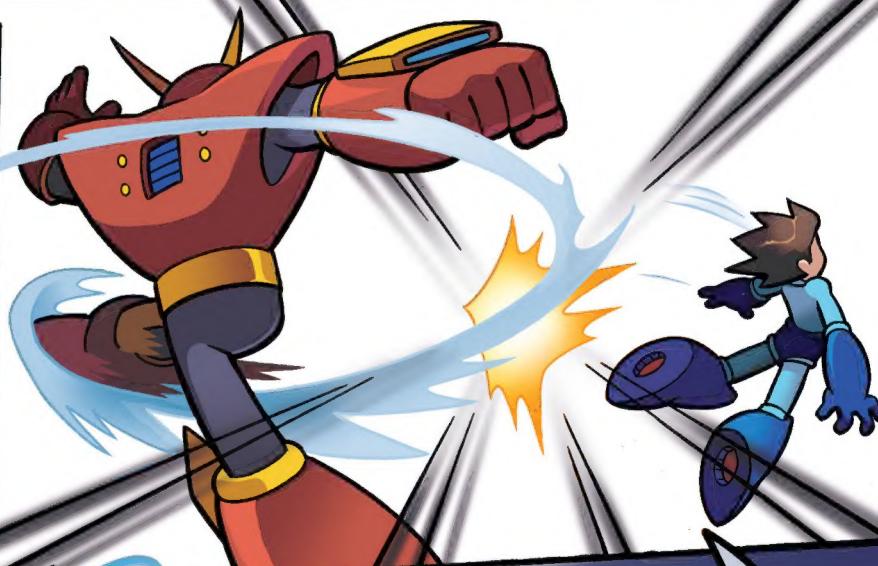
GIVE UP TRYING TO CONVINCE HIM, AUTO'S JUST BEING A FAN-BOT.

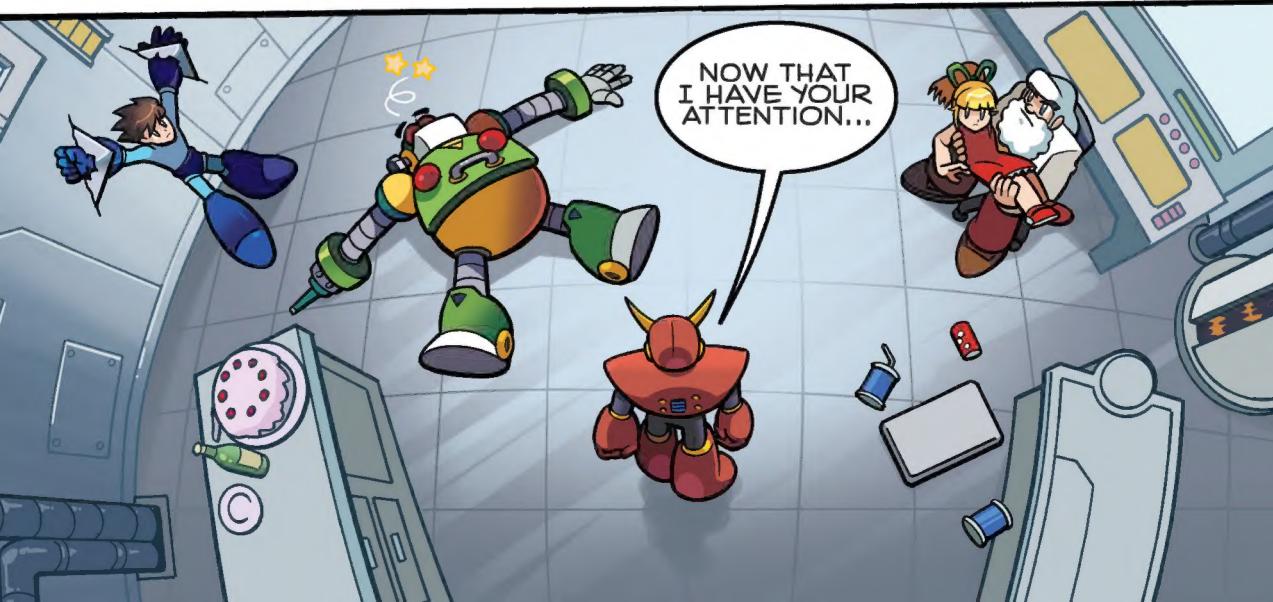
HA HA
HAHA
HA!



HAHAHA!
YEAH! WHAT
A LAUGH!







I'M HERE TO ANNOUNCE THAT MY CREATOR...DR. WILY...HAS RETURNED. YOU AND THIS CITY, TO SAY NOTHING OF THE **WORLD**, WILL PAY FOR HIS PAST EMBARRASSMENTS.*

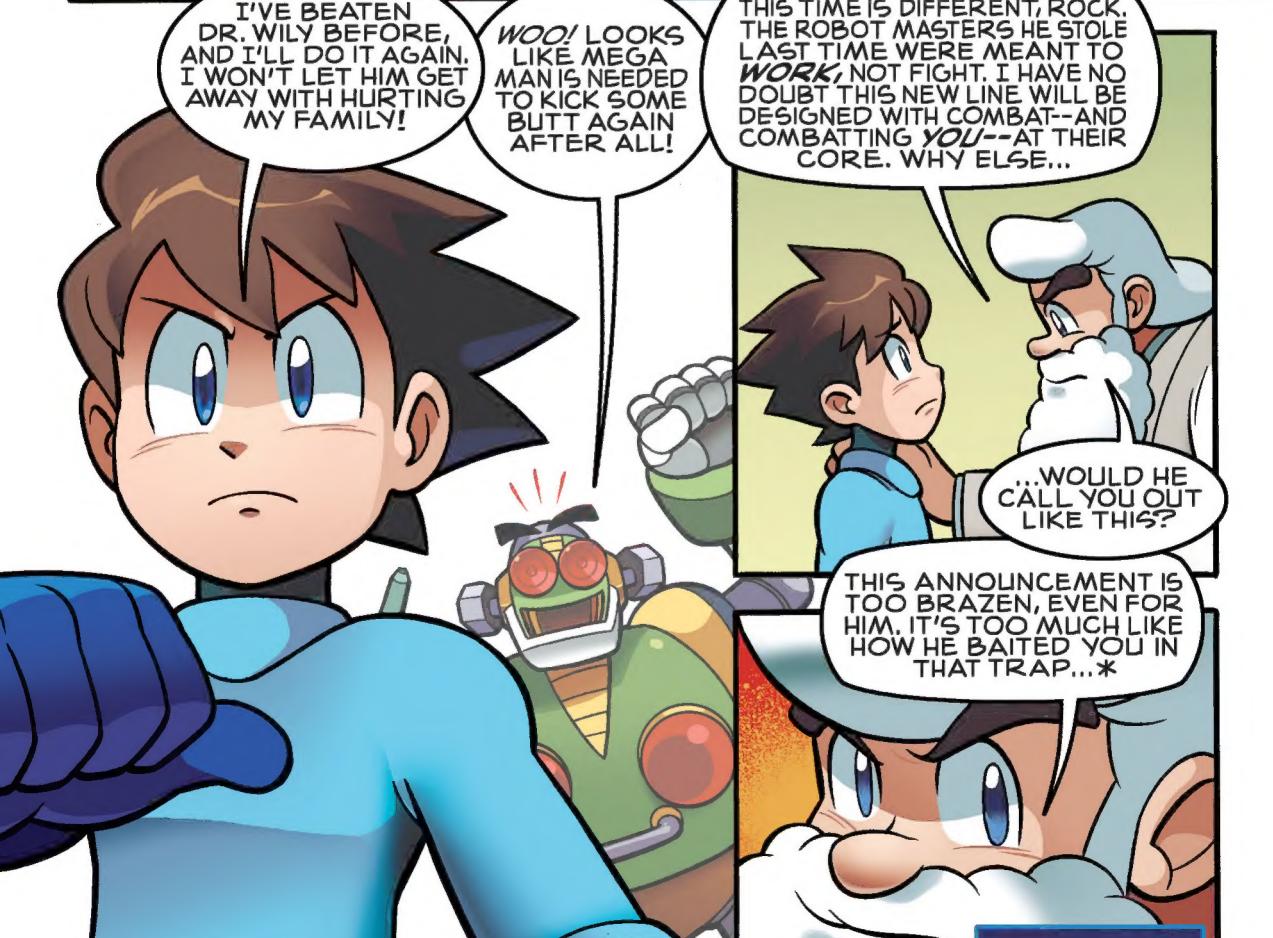
MY SEVEN BROTHERS STAND READY TO TURN THIS CITY INTO RUBBLE IN SIX HOURS, UNLESS THE BWAVE WITTLE MEGA MAN CAN STOP US.

*MM GN VOLUME 1.

AND JUST MEGA MAN. CALL THE AUTHORITIES, TRY AN EVACUATION, AND WE START EARLY. I'LL GIVE YOU AN HOUR TO FIND ME IN TITANIUM PARK. THAT SHOULD BE PLENTY OF TIME, EVEN FOR YOU!

RRRGH!
JUST A
SECOND,
ROCK! I'LL
GET YOU DOWN!

THANKS,
AUTO.



*MM #5-8.

IT PROBABLY
IS A TRAP...

...BUT YOU
HEARD THAT
ROBOT MASTER.
THE PEOPLE
OF THE CITY
ARE IN DANGER.
I HAVE TO
HELP.

MY BRAVE LITTLE
BOY, ALBERT COULD
NEVER HOPE TO BUILD
A ROBOT LIKE YOU.

ROCK...
ARE YOU
DAMAGED?

JUST A FEW DENTS.
DON'T WORRY, SIS.
I'LL BE OKAY.

YOUR
HELMET, SIR!

I'LL MONITOR YOU FROM
HERE AS BEFORE, AND I'LL
SET ROLL AND AUTO TO
FINISHING SOME OF THE
SUPPORT EQUIPMENT I
HAD DESIGNED.

THANKS,
DOCTOR
LIGHT.

I'VE UPLOADED
THE PARK'S
COORDINATES.
READY TO
TELEPORT?

READY.
LET'S DO
THIS!

TITANIUM PARK,
DOWNTOWN...



WAIT...
YOU'RE NOT
THE ROBOT
MASTER WHO
ATTACKED
US...



NO, THAT WOULD'VE
BEEN QUICK MAN.
SOUNDS LIKE HE WAS
TOO FAST AND GOT
AHEAD OF HIMSELF
--HEH, YOU'RE MEANT
TO FIGHT--AND BE
DESTROYED BY--ME.



WAIT A MINUTE! WE
DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT!
DOCTOR LIGHT CAN RE-
PROGRAM YOU, AND YOU
CAN HAVE A NEW PURPOSE!

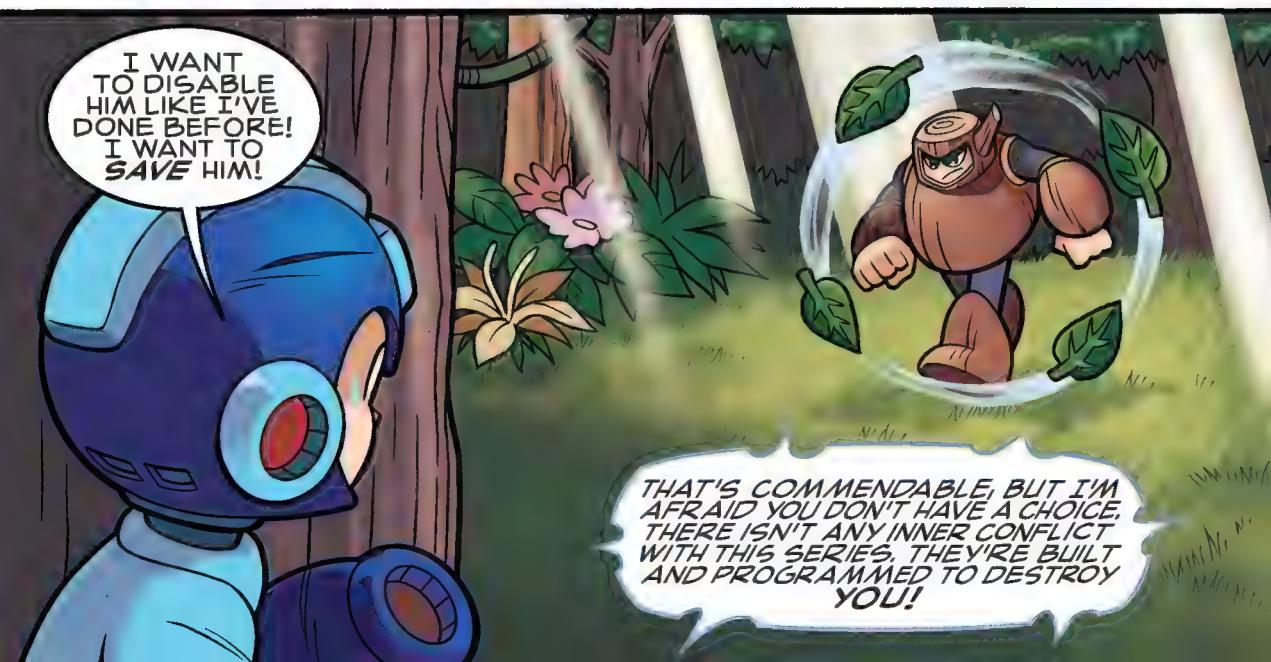
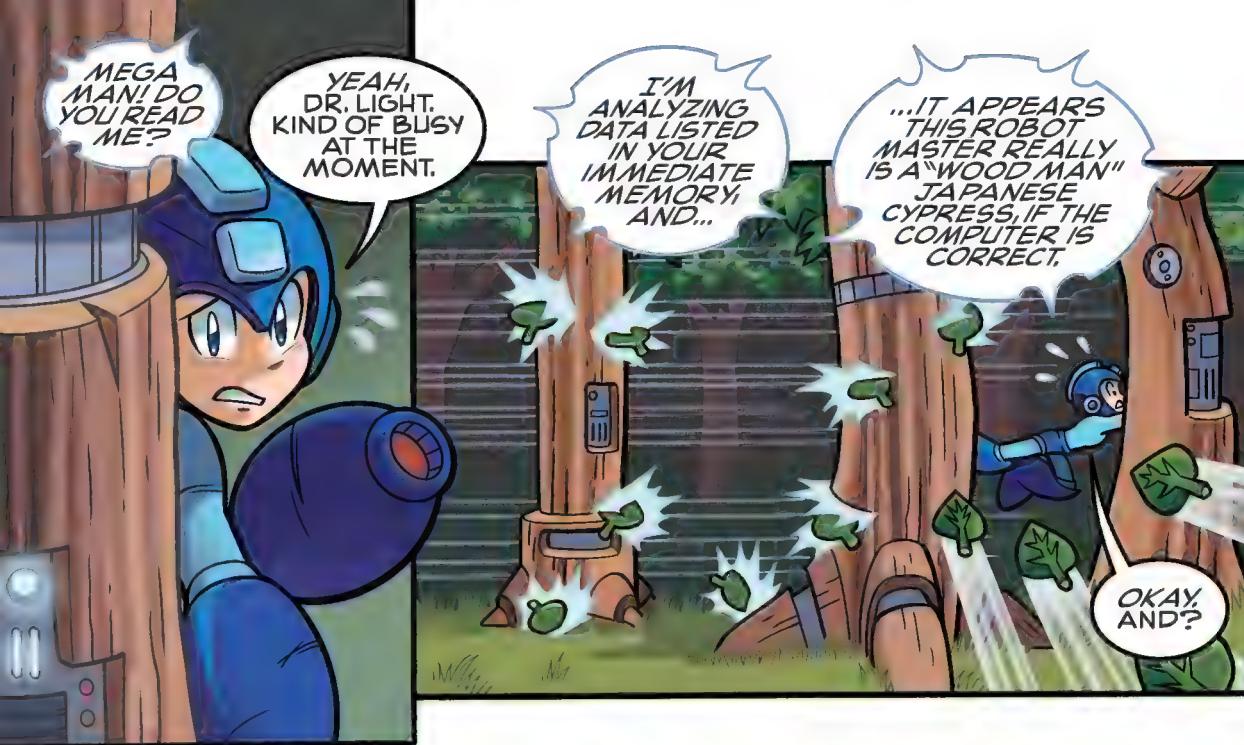


AND WHAT PURPOSE
WOULD AN ALL-
WOOD ROBOT
HAVE? NO, I HAVE
MY PURPOSE...











IT'S
...IT'S...
DONE...

ALL RIGHT. SEE
WHAT YOU CAN COPY
FROM WOOD MAN.
IF THE REST OF
THESE ROBOT
MASTERS ARE AS
HARDY, YOU'LL NEED
EVERY WEAPON AT
YOUR DISPOSAL.

R--
RIGHT.

ARE YOU ALL
RIGHT? THERE
WAS A STRANGE
ENERGY SPIKE
JUST NOW.

YEAH... FINE, DOCTOR
LIGHT... DO YOU THINK YOU
COULD RE-BUILD HIM? AND
THE OTHERS IF I... IF I HAVE
TO...

I CAN'T MAKE ANY
PROMISES, BUT I WILL TRY.
RIGHT NOW, YOU NEED TO
FOCUS ON STOPPING
ALBERT'S AMBITIONS--
FOR HUMANS AND ROBOTS
ALIKE.

I'M NOT SURE
WHERE TO SEND
YOU NEXT, THOUGH.
THESE NEW ROBOT
MASTERS ARE
KEEPING A LOW
PROFILE.

...AND THERE'S A
WATERWAY THAT
LEADS STRAIGHT TO
THE HYDROELECTRIC
PLANT. SHOULD I
INVESTIGATE THERE?

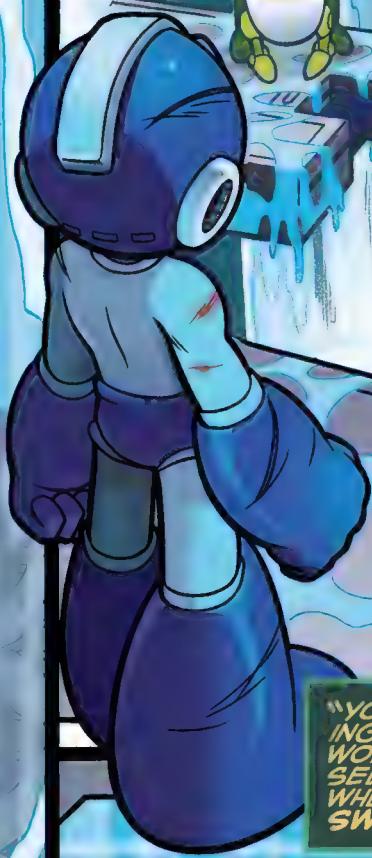
WELL, THE FIRST
ONE SAID THEY
WERE IN POSITION
TO DESTROY THE
CITY. THE PARK IS
A CENTRAL
LOCATION...

THAT SOUNDS
LIKE A LOGICAL
TARGET. BE
CAREFUL OF THE
CURRENTS...

"...AND
THE
WATER-
FALL!"

"THAT'S IT, 'BLUE BOMBER'!
YOU'RE ENTERING MY DOMAIN,
THE DOMAIN OF BUBBLE MAN!"

"IT CERTAINLY
WON'T BE
MASTER WILY
AND IT
CERTAINLY
WON'T BE AT
ME."



"YOU JUST KEEP SHOW-
ING OFF, MR. MY-LEGS-
WORK-ON-LAND. WE'LL
SEE WHO'S LAUGHING
WHEN YOU HAVE TO
SWIM FACING ME!"



"NOT ANY-
MORE, AT
LEAST."

"IT'LL BE
AT YOU."

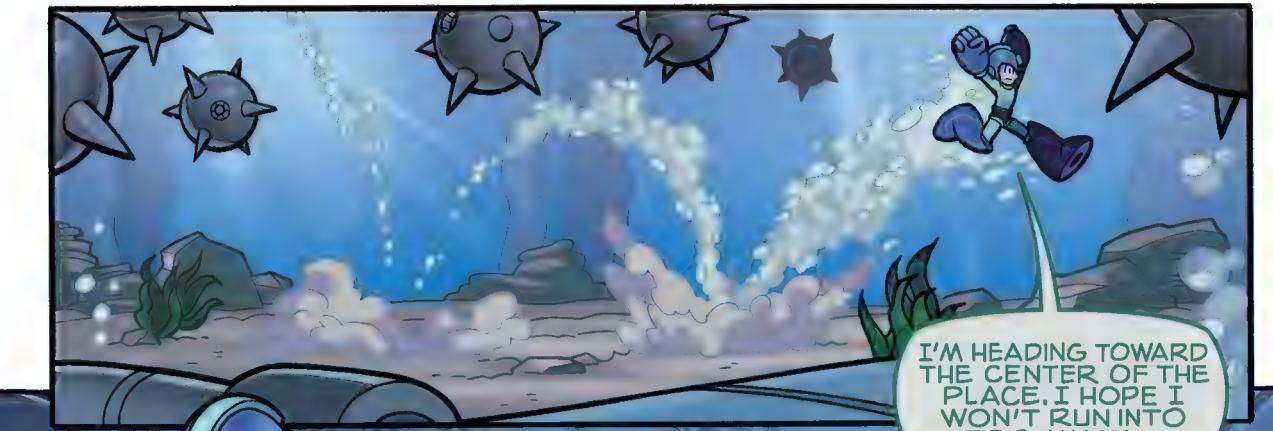




DO HYDROELECTRIC PLANTS USUALLY HAVE SPIKE-TIPPED MINES BUILT INTO THEIR FACILITIES?

NOT AT ALL.

THEN I'M PRETTY SURE THERE'S A ROBOT MASTER HERE.



I'M HEADING TOWARD THE CENTER OF THE PLACE. I HOPE I WON'T RUN INTO TOO MUCH--

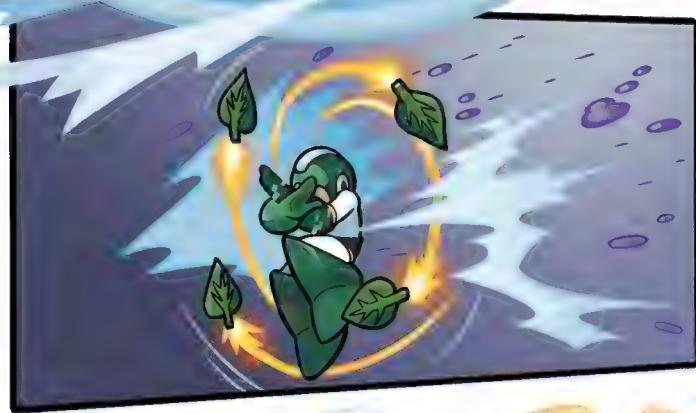


--TROUBLE. I SHOULD'VE SEEN THAT ONE COMING.

OH, COME ON! THOSE ROBOTS
WERE WASTE-MANAGEMENT! DO
YOU KNOW HOW HARD IT WAS TO
WEAPONIZE THEM?! NO, DON'T
DESTROY--
ARRRGH!

YOU'RE
MAKING A
MOCKERY OF
ME! AND I'M
TIRED OF
BEING
MOCKED!





I'M READING DANGEROUSLY CORROSIVE LEVELS OF SULFURIC ACID AROUND YOU. ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

I'M OKAY! I CAN FEEL IT ON THE ARMOR, BUT I'LL BE OUT OF HERE IN JUST A SECOND.

I'LL SEE IF HE HAD WEAPON DATA TO COPY AND ...NRRGH!

ROCK? THAT'S THE SECOND TIME I'VE GOTTEN A VIRUS WARNING WHEN YOU USED YOUR COPY CHIP.

I'M FINE. ANY IDEA WHERE I SHOULD HEAD TO NEXT?

YOU'VE ALREADY ENDURED TWO FIGHTS. COME BACK TO THE LAB SO I CAN--

THERE'S BARELY FIVE HOURS UNTIL THE OTHERS ATTACK. I CAN'T STOP NOW.

YOU'RE
STARTING TO
SOUND LIKE YOU
DID WHEN ALL
THE POWER GOT
TO YOUR HEAD.*
COME HOME.

THIS IS COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT. WE KNOW WE'RE
SHORT ON TIME, AND I'M
NOT THAT DAMAGED.
WHAT'S THE NEXT NEAREST
IMPORTANT FACILITY?

* MM
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WE CAN
SEARCH FROM
THE MAIN
COMPUTER.

SIGH
DOCTOR LIGHT...

I DON'T
WANT YOU
PUSHING
YOURSELF
TOO HARD!





HEY
THERE,
REMEMBER
ME?

MEGA MAN BARELY SURVIVED
THE LAST TWO ROBOT MASTERS!
CAN HE ESCAPE QUICK MAN?
OR IS THIS GAME OVER?!

NEXT TIME:
DR. WILY'S ATTACK HEATS UP!

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MASTER WORKS

YOUR MEGA MAN FAN ART



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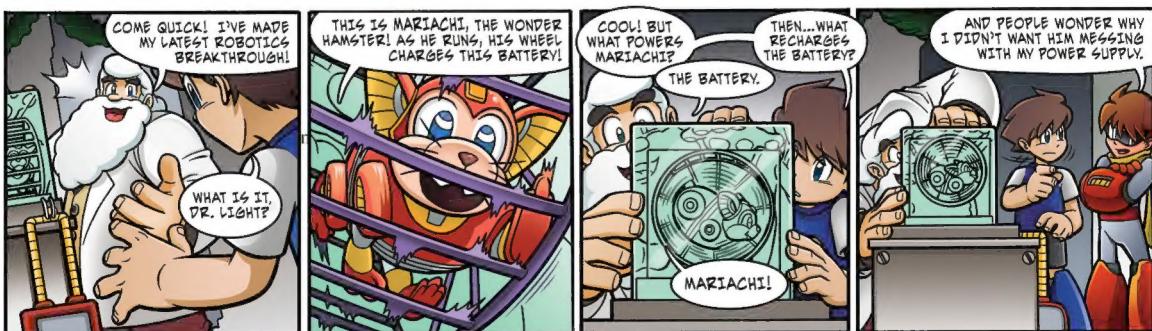
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The start of a new arc means the start of a new batch-o-mail! Bring on the postage!

Dear Mega-Mail,
I am enjoying the "Time Keeps Slipping..." story arc much more than the previous one.

Awesome! It's getting better all the time! :)

I love the interaction between the robots, especially Mega Man's friendliness towards them. Mega Man battling the CWU-01P alongside Ice Man and Cut Man is a good example of this. I loved Ice Man's quips and his clear frustration when he sees that they've gone in circles. I also find it interesting that Cut Man addresses Mega Man as "sir". I think that's actually a fascinating plot point. Maybe the other robot masters resent our hero because they see him as an authority figure?

Expect more development on that particular plot point as the series rolls on! I mean, if I were a robot master (and I'm not... at least, I think I'm not... maybe I'm just a robot programmed to believe I'm NOT a robot?!?!) I wouldn't like it very much to have to take orders from another robot that my creator refers to as "son"!

I also loved the love/hate relationship between Oil Man and Time Man. They're polar opposites, and they grate on each other. I like the concept that they have individual personalities and just because they're

"programmed" to be "evil" doesn't mean they all always get along. Wily yelling at them was another great scene.

Can't wait for the finale!

Jonathan A. G.
sent to megaman@archiecomics.com

Thanks for the letter, Jonathan! I too enjoyed the interaction between Time Man and Oil Man, they're a regular odd couple! Hope you enjoyed the finale in issue #8, write back in and let us know what you thought!

Dear Mega-Mail,
Hey guys, I just wanted to let you know what a great job you are doing with the Mega Man comics! I'm 21 years old and I've been reading and collecting comics for a long time, but it's been awhile since I've been this excited for a new issue every month. Mega Man is one of my all time favorite video game characters and now Mega Man is one of my all time favorite comic book series! It would be so amazing if you could show all of us Mega Man Legends fans some love with a Legends comic book series!

As always, Can't wait for the next issue!

Lawrence M.
sent to megaman@archiecomics.com

Thanks for the kind words, Lawrence! A Mega Man Legends comic series, eh? I've heard a lot of demand for an "X" series out there but this is our first for a "Legends" series! Anyone else out there want to see it? Write in

and let us know!

Dear Mega-Mail,
I was so excited months in advance before the series started and now it is booming! I am a huge fan of Mega Man! The work that the design team has been putting into each issue is phenomenal. I have a few questions:
1) Can we expect a storyline showing the creation of "Rush" or will he just show up in the new story arc to save the day?

Did you catch the cameo appearance in MM#8? Anyway, Rush will be showing up soon - get ready!

2) I think Mega Man V (the letter not the numeral) would be a great story arc. Would you be willing to perhaps create an arc for this? It includes changing the Mega Buster into the Mega Arm, a new set of 9 Robot Masters, the "Stardroids", the first appearance of Tango the cat. Oh, and it's in space!

We hope to include as many different aspects of the Mega Man mythos into the comic series as possible, including the Game Boy series!

3) Put me as another tally for a Mega Man X series!

Thanks again for the wonderful thing you are doing with Mega Man!

Matt L.

sent to megaman@archiecomics.com

Will do! Thanks for writing in, Matt!

See y'all next month for part two of "THE RETURN OF DR. WILY"!

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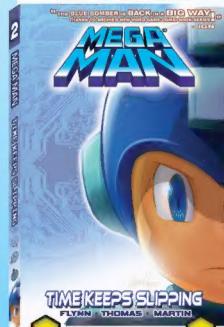


THE RETURN OF DR. WILY: PART TWO

THE QUICK MAN COMETH!

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